

REMARKS

At the outset the Applicants wish to express their appreciation to Examiners Kindred and Unelus for the courteous and helpful telephone interview accorded Applicants' attorney on November 14, 2007.

During the course of the interview, a proposed amended independent claim 16 was discussed and compared to the cited references *EP 1117030*, to *Jae-Sung*, and *U.S. Patent No. 5,794,164*, to *Beckert et al.* By the present amendment, the Applicants have amended claim 16 and cancelled claims 5 and 11. Amended claim 16 herein is very similar to the proposed amended claim 16 discussed in the interview with the exception that the bus switch is in the preamble rather than described as a claim element.

As pointed out to the Examiners during the interview, the distinguishing feature of the present invention as described in amended claim 16 over the cited references is the fact that the optical data storage drive device of the present invention includes a microprocessor in the device itself which the devices of the cited references do not. This microprocessor controls the operation of the device in accord with key-in or pre-stored instructions and the read/write of the BIOS data of the personal

computer. It has access to any digital data stored in the personal computer for transmission to the device and it can also access any digital data stored in the optical data storage for transmission to the personal computer after the bus switch resumes the standard interface between the personal computer and the device.

Upon the conclusion of the interview, the Examiners indicated that an amended claim 16 along the lines of the proposed amended claim 16 discussed during the interview would overcome the cited prior art to *Jae-Sung* and *Beckert et al.*

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the claims remaining in the application, claims 3, 4, 6 to 10 and 12 to 16, are patentable over the cited references and should be

allowed. Such action is respectfully solicited.

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